

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 were presented for examination in the present application. The instant amendment cancels claims 1 and 2 without prejudice and adds new claims 11-20. Thus, claims 3-20 are presented for consideration upon entry of the instant amendment.

In the Specification

The paragraph beginning at page 8, line 23 has been amended to correct obvious errors. Specifically, paragraph beginning at page 8, line 23 has been amended to correct the reference numbers for the "upper layer" and "lower layer" from 20 and 22 to 15 and 17, respectively.

In the Claims

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 6 and 10. Accordingly, claims 6 and 10 have been amended to include the elements of its base claim and every intervening claim.

Specifically, claim 6 has been amended to include the elements of claims 1, 2, 4, and 5. Claim 6 is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance. In addition, claim 10 has been amended to include the elements of claims 1 and 2. Claim 10 is therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claims 11-14 have been added to depend from allowable claim 6. Claims 11-14 correspond to original claims 3, 7, 8, and 9, respectively. Since new claims 11-14 depend from allowable claim 6, these new claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 3-5 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 10. Since claims 3-5 depend from allowable claim 10, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claims

Claims 15-20 have been added to point out various aspects of the present application. Support for new claims 15-20 can be found at least in original claims 1-10. It is believed that new claims 15-20 are in condition for allowance.

For example, claim 15 is directed to an electro-modulating device that requires, among other elements, a silicon mounting surface having a V-groove etched thereon for receiving an end portion of an optic fibre. The Office Action at paragraph 4 acknowledges that the prior art fails to show a silicone substrate having a V-groove. Thus, claim 15, as well as claims 16-20 that depend therefore, are believed to be in condition for allowance.

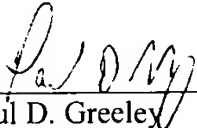
Summary

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Such action is most earnestly solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that consultation with Applicant's attorney would be helpful in the advancement of the prosecution, the Examiner is invited to call the telephone number below for an interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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